

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57

November 3, 2020

Emergency Meeting

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm virtually on Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted. A link to the Zoom meeting is available on the district website at fallscityschools.org.

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 6:38 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman

Bret Davis, Vice Chair

Larry Sickles, Director

Jami Kidd, Director

Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

Micke Kidd, High School Principal

Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant

John Gilbert, Facilities Manager

Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Lynn Bailey, High School Teacher

Janell Davis, Elementary Teacher

Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director

Kaylee Harrison, Elementary Teacher

Jonathan Ellingson, High School Teacher

Britton Castor, High School Teacher

Bethany Cornutt, Pre-K, EA, FACES

Dani Simington, Kindergarten Teacher

Sonya Lang, EA

Bryan Walton, Reset Room Behavior Specialist

Stephanie McEwen, High School Sped/Teacher

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INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. District Wide Covid-19 Response to Changed Metrics

Facilities Manager – Dosimeters were purchased for the UV disinfecting machine. We are looking at buying 2 more UV unites, so there will be 1 on each floor of the ES and the two main floors of the HS as students starts re-entering the buildings. Our morning custodian was moved from 5 hours a day to 8. Which will give us the man power to maintain the disinfectant requirements up through the 5th grade returning. After that we will need to re-evaluate.

Superintendent – Attended an embargoed meeting to discuss the new metrics. Met with Facilities and Food Services to discuss and plan. It was decided that Cole Arns, the part time food prep assistant, would increase their hours to 4 hours a day, while other staff would be used to deliver food. Been having regular meetings with Pre-K – 3rd grade staff to brainstorm what it will look

like to bring kids back in the building. Working on increasing communication with staff, parents, students, and our community. Have a concern about staff not following protocols. Discussed how students would enter the building in order to maintain the least amount of cross cohort contact. The question has been asked, "What do we do if there is a sick student in the building and we can't get a hold of parents?" Should we create a parent contract for those students returning to the building? Should we have someone set as a sick kid watcher? Do we hire one for each building? How would we go about protecting that person? Full set of protection gear: gown, gloves, mask, face shield, etc. Where would we have the sick student wait while we are attempting to contact someone? Are we moving too fast? How do we have students back, not cross cohorts, and keep everyone safe?

Director Yother – We should get a message out to all the parents about having updated emergency contact information on file, as well as the expectations for their students being back in the building, including a 15-minute pick-up window if the student starts to show symptoms.

Round Table Discussion –

Tentative schedule to return to the building:

November 9 – Pre-k – 3rd Return to in person instruction

November 12 – Hybrid Learning available

November 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Week, non-contact days

November 30 – Bring back 4th – 5th through Winter Break

January – Bring back 6th – 8th grades and begin evaluating what or when to start looking at bringing back High School students.

In order for this to be plausible, our cleaning/disinfection protocols have to be perfect.

Cohorts entering the building, could we stagger the drop off times?

Could we use the small bus for smaller cohorts?

Encourage Parents to transport their own students.

Facilities Manager Gilbert will purchase additional large trashcans to have in classes for meal trash.

Review/design health screening of students for bussed students.

Several of the High School teachers are concerned about coming back to in person instruction.

If/when we have a positive case in building, will the shut-down be cohort to cohort or building wide?

Discussed the pros and cons of starting on Monday the 9th or Thursday the 12th.

1. Motion to hire a Student Health Assistant for the Elementary School and High School as needed.

Motion was made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: all ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2020.

Regular Session at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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